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SUBJECT: CEP: STUDY OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF THE  
ALLIANCE'S AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES.

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AS REQUESTED BY OP/GSA, THE TEXT OF PO/75/30 FOLLOWS:

USNATO ADVISED THE SYG'S OFFICE THAT PER PARA 5 OF  
PO, MR. E. MCAULIFFEE OR DR. L. LEGERE WILL REPRESENT THE  
U.S. WHEN DEPUTY SYG PANSA CALLS A MEETING, ALSO PROPOSED  
IN PARA 5.

BEGIN TEXT

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

13MARCH 1975 PO/75/30

TO: PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COUNCIL)

FROM ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

STUDY OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT OF THE  
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ALLIANCE'S AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES

ROLLING THE PRESENTATION ON UNITED STATES STRATEGIC  
AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL ON 15TH JANUARY, 1975

AND OF THE DISCUSSION THEREON(1), I WAS INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF A STUDY OF THE USE OF AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES ON A NATO-WIDE BASIS.

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(1) C-R(75)1, ITEM II  
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2. YOU WILL BE AWARE THAT THE SAME PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE INVITED THE IMS TO COMPLETE A LIST OF THE STUDIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDERWAY WHICH MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO THE NEW STUDY PROPOSED. THIS HAS NOW BEEN CIRCULATED UNDER REFERENCE IMSWM-31-75 OF 7TH FEBRUARY.

3. THIS DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OR COMMENTED UPON BY THEIR STAFFS. AT THE SAME TIME IT DOES INDICATE THE EXTENT OF THE WORK WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AND IS STILL CONTINUING UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF AVAILABLE AIRLIFT CAPABILITIES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. IT ALSO INDICATES THAT NO SATISFACTORY DEFINITION (IN SPECIFIC AND QUANTITATIVE TERMS) HAS YET BEEN GIVEN THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT FOR AIRLIFT, AND SUGGESTS THAT SACEUR BE INVITED TO PROVIDE ONE.

4. IT MAY BE THAT SOME FURTHER SUPPORT OR SOME NEW DIRECTION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THESE ONGOING ACTIVITIES. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT SOME CLOSER CO-ORDINATION IS REQUIRED. I SHOULD BE RELUCTANT, HOWEVER, TO MAKE AT THIS POINT ANY PROPOSALS INVOLVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MACHINERY FOR THIS PURPOSE IN VIEW ALSO OF THE CRITICISM RECENTLY EXPRESSED ON THE PROLIFERATION OF COMMITTEES IN NATO. I THINK IT IS INSTEAD MORE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE SACEUR'S DEFINITION OF THE MILITARY REQUIREMENT BEFORE CONSIDERING WHETHER THE EXISTING MEANS FOR MEETING IT IS ADEQUATE. IN ANY CASE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON 20 TH MARCH BEFORE TAKING THE MATTER FURTHER.

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5. THEREAFTER, HOWEVER, I WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING WITH DELEGATIONS HOW THE MANDATE GIVEN TO ME BY THE COUNCIL (PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE) SHOULD BE DISCHARGED. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND A MEETING I PROPOSE TO CALL FOR THIS DPURPOSE TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH; I SHALL ALSO BE INVITING APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF. TIME AND PLACE WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER.

SIGNED P. PANSA CEDRONIO

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